

Arizona State News.

PHOENIX.

Cobb's Christmas Present.

The Christmas present of Governor Hunt to State Engineer Lamar Cobb was the appointment as delegate from the state of Arizona to the New Orleans convention of the National Rivers Control Congress, which meets in the Delta City on January 6th, 1913. The appointment of Mr. Cobb comes as the result of a suggestion conveyed to the governor in a communication from the board of trade following a meeting with Hon. E. B. Smith, president of the Yuma County Water Users association recently who addressed the board on the advisability of sending a delegate from Arizona to the congress.

The intention of the Yuma County Water Users is to send a delegate or two from that section, and a movement is on foot to send still other delegates from other parts of the state, but it was deemed wise, because of the importance of the congress, and the necessity that the Colorado river basin obtain substantial recognition in the drafting of the Newlands River Control Bill with its consequent \$50,000,000 per annum appropriation, which is to be presented to congress immediately after the holidays resumption of the session.

DOUGLAS.

Beats Woman With Shoe.

Foiled when he attempted to cut her throat with a razor, Ramon Cordero is alleged to have dropped the keen blade and commenced to beat Gussie Smith, a woman of the restricted district, with his fists, finally ending by kicking her in the abdomen. The affair occurred about two weeks ago, but, owing to the difficulty of the officers in finding Cordero by her description, he was not arrested until Sunday night, when Chief Askins picked him up in the Newport bar.

Borderland Race.

Next year's state fair may witness a race over the Borderland route from El Paso to Phoenix, according to a letter received by the Douglas Chamber of Commerce and Mines yesterday from Secretary C. B. Wood of the fair association. In speaking of this matter he says: "It seems to me that such a race could be arranged for next year, but you must understand that the only way we can get these races, whether from Los Angeles, San Diego or El Paso, is for the automobile people where the races start to be enthusiastic boosters."

"What you should do, and I shall help you all I can, as long as I am secretary of the fair, is to get the automobile association of El Paso to take an interest in this race, and to raise a purse for those who are willing to run their cars over the said route."

TUCSON.

Almost Too Late.

An idle suggestion, casually dropped in the course of a conversation between friends, saved Mayor Huffman, Assessor-elect Duncan, City Treasurer-elect Brooks, Recorder-elect Cowan and City Marshal-elect Roling from being disqualified, and at that the rescue was made in the course of a scant two hours.

There is a provision in the city's charter which says:

"The mayor and common council shall meet within five days after any election and canvass the returns and declare the results. * * * Should any of the officers elected fail to qualify and give the bond required for the period of ten days after their election, the office shall be vacant and shall be filled as hereinafter provided."

When the work of taking the oath of office and filing bonds was finished the officials rallied around the clerk's desk and all together—like that—gave a loud, air-ripping sigh of relief. Also they probably bought.

Had the day been allowed to pass without these formalities the offices of mayor, city assessor, treasurer, city recorder and city marshal would have been vacant following the expiration of the present terms of office and the places would have been filled by the mayor and the council until the next succeeding election.

Need Another Sanitarium.

That Tucson should have another large sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis is the opinion of Roger Cunningham, of Kansas City, who recently brought his daughter here for the climate. Cunningham believes that there are many people in the east looking for the right kind of climate, who are unable, without personal experience, to learn the difference between the various climates in Texas, New Mexico, Ari-

zona and Colorado. He finds that of Tucson to be the best of all.

He points out that the building of another sanitarium, at a cost of \$150,000, would be warranted as a business proposition since it would mean the expenditure, by patients and their friends, of more than \$200,000 here annually.

GLOBE.

Indian Kills Indian.

Information was received by the sheriff's office yesterday from Ellison that an Indian had murdered another Indian at the Spring Creek settlement and that the slayer left upon the completion of his crime and is still in hiding. The news was phoned from Ellison to Roosevelt and telegraphed from Roosevelt to Globe. The telegram stated that no officer was available in that section of the country and asked that one be sent up. Deputy Sheriff Bud Armer of Payson who arrived here yesterday with Indians charged with grand larceny will leave at once for the scene of the trouble.

An Easy Capture.

Bill Jackson and Dick Benson, alias Dover, alias Docker, two young men who held up the Johnson saloon at Miami Saturday night are in jail, thanks to the snow that fell Sunday morning. They made a full confession as to the hold-up yesterday.

BISBEE.

Mortgage Tax Contemplated.

Word has been received in this city that an effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to introduce a mortgage tax, similar to the Minnesota mortgage tax. Local politicians are of the opinion that a strong fight will be made on the bill, if it is proposed.

The Minnesota law provides for a tax of 50 cents on each \$100 for which a mortgage is made. The law is designated, on the face of it, to help the man who is borrowing the money on a mortgage. The tax is paid by the person making the loan and is paid to the county treasurer where the mortgage is registered. The mortgage then became exempt from all other taxes. As at present the proposed bill to come before the next legislature will be modeled on this law.

Although designed to protect the borrower of money, the law would, in all probability fail in this regard, those who are keeping "tab" of the bill say. This would be done by the lender adding to the interest to be paid by the borrower the amount of the tax. This could be done by the mortgage being made through a third party, so that there would be no conflict with the legal rate of interest to be charged. Supposing the legal rate amounted to 10 per cent, the borrower would have to pay this and an additional percentage, sufficient to cover the tax, to loan the "agent" who negotiated the loan. Local politicians express the opinion that a strong fight will be made on the bill if it is introduced.

SHOOTING MARS THE CLOSE OF CHRISTMAS

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Christmas ended with a shooting scrape at the P. & E. railroad junction to the north of this city about six miles. A white man and a Mexican had an altercation, when the former whipped out a six shooter and fired two shots at the latter, both bullets entering the body and inflicting wounds that are said to be dangerous.

The shooting occurred at about 9:30 o'clock last night but particulars are lacking, other than the trouble was precipitated by the Mexican who was intoxicated, and threatened the life of the white man. The parties to the trouble are employed by the S. F. P. & P. railroad, and quite a force is at work at that point, an extra crew being stationed there for the present. Assistant County Attorney Morgan and Deputy Sheriffs Young and Baker went to the scene on the midnight train to make an investigation.

PASSING THROUGH.

(From Friday's Daily.)

George L. Sistine, formerly a resident of this city, but now operating mines in Utah, was an arrival in the city yesterday, and will remain today, to renew old time associations. He is en route to Pinal county on an examination of mines for an eastern syndicate. He will visit Copper Basin today, where many years ago he gave a favorable report on the copper possibilities of that field, which is now coming into prominence since the Commercial has entered the producing class.

FRED DENTON IS NOW A HIGH FLYER

Former Miner of This County Turns To Aviation

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"There is more money in penetrating the etherial clime than in delving into the bowels of the earth," was the trite expression used by Fred Denton, in a letter to a friend in this city from East St. Louis, as he started his career as a birdman in an aeroplane.

Denton was formerly a miner of this county and between laboring for wages and working properties occasionally to limited depth, had a varied experience. He was something of a mechanical genius, and in tackling aviation states that it is simply the finest recreation he ever experienced with remuneration enough to double-discount the game with a pick and drill. He is a protégé of a German aviator, and up-to-date has gone up in the air eleven times, the greatest height being about 250 feet. He is learning the stunts of the business, and is slated to go abroad in the spring, after his marriage to a young society girl of the above city. His sister was a visitor to Prescott two years ago, and was accompanied to her home at Rock Island by her brother, since which time he has become innuolated with the high flying mania.

ANIMALS GIVEN RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

(From Thursday's Daily.)

John A. Sanderson, famed as a hunter and trooper, whose arrival in Arizona was mentioned a short time ago by the Journal-Miner, is certainly an interesting character, and above everything else a true blue sportsman, in giving wild animals a "run" for their life.

He writes an interesting letter to J. H. Drew, among other things saying that the method many hunters follow in using poison to capture their prey, is to be condemned and against which a law should be passed. He states that he is very much opposed to using poison in any manner whatever. Mr. Sanderson at present is at Cottonwood, in the Upper Verde Valley, but is preparing to move on to the bear and lion fields in a short time. He has hunted large and small game from the line of the equator to the Rockies in Canada, and has profited by the business. His favorite method in bringing down game is to use a well trained dog and follow what he terms a slow trail, which is the safest and surest way in hunting big game especially. Steel traps are also serviceable for certain kinds of game and with the unerring aim of the hunter, there is remuneration in following the business, if game is abundant.

He will go into the Wild Horse Basin country within a short time, where the mountain lion abounds in great numbers, and is causing very much destruction among the livestock interests.

EMPIRE MAKING A VERY FINE SHOWING.

L. H. Johnson who has returned from the Arizona Empire Mining Company's camp, sixteen miles out of Parker, reports that property as exciting more interest as a copper producer of high rating, than any other mine undertaking in that portion of the state.

From the amount of development performed, and with the bonanza values of the ore, in gold alone, the prediction is made that it is destined to attain a foremost rank in the state without regard to locality. The camp was recently re-established and at the present time a force of about twenty miners is employed.

The Eagle claim is the location where the fabulous values are being returned, and as depth is being given the interest manifested is reaching to all outside points. C. W. Mitchell, identified with the Pacific Copper Mining Company, of the Bradshaw mountains, is general manager, while his superintendent is Thos. D. Marmont, favorably known in this field as a mining claim.

Mining location notices for sale at the Journal-Miner office.

City NewsIn Brief

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Visiting Friends.

Henry Hartin of Williamson Valley, is in the city on a business and pleasure visit for a few days.

From the Country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Dickson of Dewey, are in the city for a few days on a business and pleasure trip.

Rural Visitor.

George Michael, of Skull Valley, was a visitor with friends in the city yesterday and to enjoy Christmas, returning home today.

Verde Visitors.

Ernest Richards and Frank Waldrup, well known farmers of the Verde Valley, were business visitors to the city yesterday, and return home today.

Home for Holidays.

Assistant U. S. Attorney J. C. Forest returned yesterday for the holidays, to visit with his wife and family, after attending the federal court at Phoenix, for the past two weeks.

Visiting Teacher.

Miss Clare McEachran, principal of the public schools of Humboldt, and sister, Miss Annie McEachran, are in the city to remain for the holidays with friends, and are at the St. Michael.

Returns North.

George H. Halling, who has been visiting with relatives in the city during the week, returned to Mohave county yesterday, where he has mining interests in the Gold Road country. He is convalescing from typhoid fever.

Mining Visitor.

Martin Schuber, mine owner of the Copper Basin district, was in the city yesterday on business, and reports that field as lively and the Commercial maintaining its daily production. He anticipates lively times during the coming year.

Health Seeker.

H. W. Plunkett, of Enid, Oklahoma, is a recent arrival and is en route to the Verde Valley to visit with relatives and to remain for the winter for his health. He was a visitor about ten years ago, and received relief from asthmatic troubles.

Looking at Lands.

L. O. Winterburn, of Auburn, Cal., was an arrival in the city Monday, and is looking over the orchard conditions of this section with a view of locating. He is well pleased with the elevation, and will visit several orchard sections before returning home.

Visiting Family.

J. H. Morrison, construction engineer, is in the city from the Commercial mining camp in Copper Basin, where he is installing the new boilers for that property, at the main working shaft. They will be ready for service shortly after the first of the year, when pumping begins to drain the lower levels.

Capacity Increased.

J. T. Sheffield, manager of the Puntney Lime Company, stated yesterday that the new kiln was installed and running steadily. The production of lime has been doubled, and the demand continues strong, mainly from outside the state points. Over eighty men are employed, the greatest number in the history of the property.

Inspecting Interests.

Captain and Mrs. A. W. Farney, of Kansas City, arrived yesterday morning, the former coming to look after his large interests at the old hydraulics on Lower Lynx Creek, which are to resume in a short time. With Captain Farney were Mr. and Mrs. H. Hillenbaugh and Miss Mary Budde, of the above city. They are at the St. Michael.

Remains to be Shipped.

The remains of Mrs. Anna Bartholdi will be taken to Livermore, California, on Monday afternoon, where interment will be made. Preceding the removal, services will be conducted in the Catholic church, Father Mandin officiating. The body has been prepared by H. M. Maus & Co., at whose undertaking parlors friends can view the remains until Friday morning.

Valley Visitor.

Emil L. Wiesland, farmer and miner of Peoples valley was a business visitor to the city yesterday, and confirms the sale of a vast acreage to the Hayes Land and Cattle Company of California as having been consummated during the week. He also stated that the plan of reclaiming the lands will entail an expenditure of a large sum of money in building dams and converting the water to practically all of the land purchased. Mining in that section at the present time is at low

ebb, and only assessment work is going on.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Visiting Friends.

Mrs. A. D. Woodmansee of Crown King, is in the city to remain for the holidays visiting with friends.

Outside Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells, of Mayer, are in the city to remain for the rest of the week visiting with friends.

Business Trip.

James Sheehan, farmer and miner of Walnut Grove, was among the outside arrivals yesterday and is here on business.

Copper City Visitor.

James Rice of Jerome, is in the city for a few days visiting with his wife and many friends. He is an employee of the United Verde.

Visiting Teacher.

Miss Margaret Meriwether, teacher of the public school at Skull Valley, is in the city for the rest of the week visiting with friends, and is at the St. Michael.

Mining Man Leaves.

Henry W. Thacker, interested in mines of the Big Bug district, arrived from Mayer yesterday and later in the day left for Los Angeles on business pertaining to his properties.

Brief Visitor.

Mrs. Willis A. Cates, wife of the consulting engineer of the Climax Mining Company, and son, have arrived from Los Angeles for a few days' visit, and are at the St. Michael.

Returns Home.

Lee Vannoy, brother of Mrs. E. D. Wheelock, of this city, returned to Jerome yesterday, where he is employed in the smelter of the United Verde, after an enjoyable two days' visit.

Mining Business.

Charles Rose, who is mining in the Mayer country, is in the city on business, and reports work going on at every mine in that country, incidental to closing up title for the year.

Pioneer Visitor.

Mrs. J. D. Kinnear, one of the old pioneer residents of Southern Arizona, arrived from Florence yesterday to remain for several days visiting with relatives. She is at the St. Michael.

Taking Lay-off.

Prof. J. H. Franks, a teacher in the public school at Poland, is in the city to enjoy a vacation for the rest of the week. He reports considerable mining activity and the country as snowbound.

From the Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Wright are in the city from Camp Wood, to remain for a few days visiting with friends. The former reports range conditions as satisfactory in grazing for this time of the year.

Concludes Visit.

Felix A. Denton, returned yesterday from a visit with his parents at Waco, Texas, and leaves tomorrow for the Bradshaw mountains, to resume his vocation as a miner, after an absence of five weeks.

Visiting Old Haunts.

George Webber, a former resident of the Verde Valley, returned yesterday from Pennsylvania, and leaves today for the above locality to visit with old time friends for a few days. He is en route to Glendale, Maricopa county, to visit with relatives.

To the Range.

Levi Young is in the city from Phoenix, and leaves today for Mingus mountain, where his large cattle and sheep interests are located. He is one of the largest individual owners of live stock in the county, and is a frequent visitor.

Visit Ends.

Elmer Brannen, of the firm of Brannen & Sauer, returned to Clarkdale yesterday where his firm is erecting several buildings for the Verde Valley railway and other builders. He was accompanied by his foreman, William Gaston.

From the Mines.

Martin Fredericks, the mining man of the Senator country, is in the city on business, reporting that district as enjoying more activity than in many years. Assessment work is going ahead with a rush which indicates a better feeling than usual over the outlook.

Students Arrive.

Elbert O. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne, has returned from Oakland, Cal., where he is attending the Polytechnic College of Engineering to spend the holidays with his parents. He was accompanied by J. C. McKean and William Beckwith, fellow students, as his guests, and will enjoy a trip of recreation in the city for the next ten days.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Business Visitor.

W. A. Frazier, the well known resident of Mayer, was in the city yesterday on business.

Business Trip.

A. T. Cornish, prominently known in Coconino county, was an arrival from Flagstaff yesterday.

Official Business.

T. L. Mercer, forest ranger of the Skull Valley division, was in the city yesterday on official business.

Mining Man Returns.

Joseph Rees, interested in mines in this section, and a well known engineer, returned yesterday to look after his interests.

To the Coast.

Mrs. J. T. Hinds left yesterday for Los Angeles, where she will visit for the next two months with Mrs. E. A. Rogers.

Forest Officer Here.

John C. McNelly, assistant forest supervisor, stationed in the Groom Creek section, was in the city yesterday on official duties.

Business trip.

George E. Brooks, one of the well known miners of the Commercial of Copper Basin, is in the city for a few days on a business and pleasure trip.

From the Mines.

Charles Ray, miner and farmer of the Hassayampa district, who is located below and near the Climax was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Visiting Friends.

Mrs. C. E. Loux, wife of the conductor of the S. F. P. & P. railway, was a visitor with her many friends in the city yesterday, returning home to Phoenix later in the day.

Looking After Interests.

R. E. McGillen, assistant Secretary of State, is in the city on business, and returns to the capital today. He has been in Kirkland district, where he has valuable mining property.

Mayer Arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. H. Giroux, of Mayer, the former a well known mining operator interested in the New Cumberland on Pine Flat, were arrivals in the city yesterday and are at the St. Michael.

From the Mines.

J. C. Gilbert has returned from the Anita mines north of Williams, which he is operating, and will remain for several days to look after his interests in the Dewey section, leaving for that place yesterday.

Return to Camp.

T. E. Campbell, general manager, and Dan Campbell, timekeeper of the Haynes Copper Company, returned to Jerome yesterday. The property is being unwatered, and deep development begins during the coming week.

Mining Business.

L. R. Erskine, of Mitchell, South Dakota, who has been visiting with J. H. Tribby, in Cherry Creek district, on mining matters, returned yesterday, and leaves today for home. He is identified with certain properties in that section.

Fulfills Sad Duty.

M. Bartholdi, of Jerome, cousin of Mrs. Anna Bartholdi whose death occurred early in the week, was in the city yesterday to attend the obsequies preceding the shipping away of the remains. He returns home today.

Looking at Lands.

W. H. Thorpe left yesterday for Parker, to remain for several days on a land examination trip, having under consideration the purchase of several hundred acres that are to be thrown on the market by the Interior Department in a short time.

Outside Visitors.

A. W. Lessard and son, Grover C. Lessard, J. H. Surett and William Gilmer, residents of the Mayer country, were in the city yesterday on business matters. They report more mining than in many years and the outlook decidedly encouraging for prosperous times in all lines.

MAYER RESIDENT COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

(From Friday's Daily.)

It will be learned with very much regret that Dan Bowen has been committed to the insane asylum at Phoenix, this decision being reached yesterday in the superior court after several days were given to an examination of his mental facilities, which have given way in recent months.

He is one of the best old time residents, and has been an industrious miner and a builder up of the industries of the country, residing for several years at Mayer. Ill health is attributed to his mental decline. His affairs will be looked after by John H. Robinson, who was yesterday appointed guardian of the estate.

An order was made yesterday in the superior court discharging the executor of the estate of the late Jesse A. Robeson, and closing up the business of the estate.

E. J. F. Horne was appointed special administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Anna Bartholdi.